

2.7	Allocation of Family Support Dollars for Families Entering Services	Page 1 of 1
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The **Division** established a formula to assure equity in the distribution of funds both among individuals and families with similar needs and among the four **Regions**. This provides the direction and method **Region** offices will use to allocate family support dollars among families entering services.

Procedure

1. All four **Regions** shall utilize a single Needs Assessment instrument and follow the same determination process:

- a. **Allocation Formula Based on Needs Scores**

<u>Support Level</u>	<u>Needs Score of the Family Member with a Disability</u>	<u>Annual Allowance of State General Funds Dollars</u>
1	24 or Less	\$525 to \$1,050
2	25 - 50	\$1,050 to \$1,575
3	51 - 85	\$1,575 to \$2,600
4	86 - 100	\$2,600 to be determined

- b. **Guidelines for Application of the Formula**

1. The annual allowance is determined and allocated to the individual family member who has a qualifying disability. Thus, each person in a family who is determined eligible for **Division** family support services will receive an annual allowance based on that person's support level and service plan.
2. The exact dollar amount of an individual's allowance within the range of the support level will be determined by the Individual Family Support Plan or the Individual Service Plan.
3. State General Fund dollars will be matched with Federal Title XIX (Medicaid) dollars under the Home and Community-Based Services **Waiver** for those individuals who meet the eligibility requirements of the **waiver** and for services allowed by the **waiver**. State dollars used for cash assistance cannot be matched by federal **Medicaid** funds.
4. Each family, in consultation with the designated family **Support Coordinator**, will define the distribution of that family's support allowance through the Family Support Allocation Plan.
5. Exceptions to this allocation formula may be allowed in order to address extreme individual need. Exception will require the written approval of the **Region** Director and the **Division** Director.